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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF XM-1 TANK PROGRAM

REFS: (A) PARIS 15670 NOTAL; (B) WILLETT/COL. LYNCH

TELECON

1. POST HAS CONSULTED WITH MOD RE CHANGE PROPOSED BY USNATO IN SCHEDULE FOR MR. STRAIN AND MR. BARAS FROM 30 JUNE TO 27 JUNE. UNFORTUNATELY, COMPETENT OFFICERS AT MOD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION ON THIS DAY. THEREFORE, PARIS SCHEDULE WILL STAND AS PROPOSED BELOW:

2. MONDAY, JUNE 30

10:30 - CONSULTATIONS WITH COL. BLUMENTHAL
AT AMERICAN EMBASSY PARIS.

L4:45 - ARRIVAL AT FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE,
231 BOULEVARD SAINT-GERMAIN, PARIS. MR.
BARAS AND MR. STRAIN WILL BE MET BY LT.
COL. GOUTTENOIRE AND GENERAL CRINON.

MEETINGS WILL BEGIN PUNCTUALLY AT L5:00 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL PERTINENT MATTERS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH PARTIES. PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS WILL BE GENERAL CRINON HIMSELF, THREE SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE FRENCH GENERAL STAFF AND TWO ENGINEER GENERALS, BODIN AND MORES. MR. STRAIN AND MR. BARAS WILL FURTHER BE ACCOMPANIED TO THESE MEETINGS BY COL. BLUMENTHAL AND JOHN WILLETT. THE LATTER WILL ACT IN
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THE CAPACITY OF INTERPRETER. MAAG WILL PROVIDE NECES-

SARY TRANSPORTATION.

3. PARIS REFERS TO REF (A) ABOVE. POST SHOULD BE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. OTHERWISE HOTEL WILL CHARGE EVEN IF ROOM NOT USED.

4. FOR BRUSSELS: POST SINCERELY REGRETS THAT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY USNATO IS NOT FEASIBLE.

5. FOR LONDON: PLEASE PASS ABOVE INFO TO MR. STRAIN, ARRIVING LONDON JUNE 20.
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